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Mayor Turner,

Last September, the National Wildlife Federation launched a campaign to get local governments along the monarch butterfly migration path committed to habitat restoration and conservation for this iconic insect. The Mayors' Monarch Pledge brings recognition and technical assistance to cities that complete monarch conservation initiatives. The City of Houston has been active in National Wildlife Federation programs, and is currently registered to become certified as a wildlife-friendly city. By advancing monarch conservation strategies, the city could fulfill the requirements to become a certified community habitat, joining an elite list of 80 cities across the country. We ask that you sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and commit to create habitats for the monarch butterfly and educate citizens about how they can make a difference in the Houston area.

I have attached a list with various actions that your office can take to promote monarch butterfly conservation. In order to participate in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, you need only commit to completing three of the attached actions, however the more you complete, the more recognition the city of Houston will receive for their part in this project. Based on prior work with the City of Houston, I am confident that the city is already accomplishing several actions on the list, and could sign on to the pledge at Leadership Circle status. Already 29 of the 60 cities that have signed the pledge are in the state of Texas including Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio.

I would like to meet with your office to discuss the pledge, and Houston's wildlife initiatives. Please let me know if someone from the office can meeting with me anytime on Feb 1-3, or Feb 8-12.

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